

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - (a) receiving a search query;
 - (b) determining whether the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received;
 - (c) if the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received,
 - (i) retrieving a previously stored result set associated with the search query,[[;]]
and
 - (ii) determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~; and
 - (d) if the at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is determined to be a valid search result set for the search query ~~meet the at least one condition~~, outputting the portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query as a search result of the search query.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[b)]]~~ determining whether a search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received comprises comparing the search query to a list of previously ~~entered~~ received search queries.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~ comprises determining at least one of the following: ~~determining the validity of a portion of the result set~~, determining that a portion of the result set is new, determining that a portion of the result set includes a change, determining that a new article exists in a category of the result set, determining that a new article has been received in a category of the result set, determining that an article in the result set has been changed ~~in the result set~~, determining that a new e-mail has been received in a category of the result set, determining that a new e-mail has been sent in a category of

the result set, determining that a new web page has been received in a category of the result set, determining that a web page has been changed in a category of the result set, determining that a new document has been received in a category of the result set, and determining that a new document has been generated in a category of the result set.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~ comprises determining whether a preset amount of time has elapsed from a time associated with the result set.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~ comprises determining whether a preset amount of time has elapsed from a date associated with the result set.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving a previously stored result set associated with the search query comprises at least one of the following: retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from an optical disc, retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from a hard drive, retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from an external data storage medium, retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from an external data storage reader, and retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from a data store on the client-side.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[a)]~~ receiving a search query comprises at least one of the following: receiving ~~a~~ the search query from a user operating an offline client-side device, receiving ~~a~~ the search query from a user operating an online client-side device.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the previously stored result set associated with the search query comprises at least one of the following: client-side articles, and network articles.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the search query comprises at least one of the following: an implicit query, an explicit query, both an implicit query and [[and]] an explicit query.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the previously stored result set associated with the search query comprises at least one of the following: a real-time event, a historical event, an indexable event, a non-indexable event.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A method~~ The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~(a) receiving a search query;~~

~~(b) determining whether the search query has been previously entered;~~

~~(e e)~~ if the search query has not been previously ~~entered~~ received,

~~(i)~~ receiving a new result set;

~~(d ii)~~ storing the new result set and ~~associated the~~ the search query in an offline-accessible data store; and

~~(e iii)~~ indexing the new result set and ~~associated the~~ the search query for subsequent retrieval of the new result set.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein (e) further comprises ~~comprising:~~

~~(f iv)~~ determining expiration data for the new result set.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein receiving a new result set comprises performing a search for articles in response to the search query.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein storing the new result set and ~~associated the~~ the search query in an offline-accessible data store comprises at least one of the following: storing the new result set on an optical disc, storing the new result set on a hard drive, storing the new result set on an external data storage medium, storing the new result

set on an external data storage reader, and storing the new result set on a data store on the client-side.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein ~~[[f)]~~ determining expiration data for the new result set comprises determining expiration data for at least a portion of the new result set, and displaying the expiration data for the at least a portion of the new result set.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing program code, comprising:

- (a) program code for receiving a search query;
- (b) program code for determining whether ~~[[a)]~~ the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received;
- (c) program code for if the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received,
 - (i) retrieving a previously stored result set associated with the search query, ~~from an offline data store~~ and
 - (ii) determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~; and
- (d) program code for if the at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is determined to be a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets the at least one condition~~, outputting the portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query as a search result of the search query.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the (b)~~ program code for determining whether ~~[[a)]~~ the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received comprises program code for comparing the search query to a list of previously ~~entered~~ received search queries.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the (c)~~ program code for ~~if the search query has been previously entered~~, retrieving a previously

~~stored result set associated with the search query comprises program code for from an offline data store and determining whether at least a portion of the result set meets at least one condition~~comprises program code for determining at least one of the following: ~~determining the validity of a portion of the result set~~, determining that a portion of the result set is new, determining that a portion of the result set includes a change, determining that a new article exists in a category of the result set, determining that a new article has been received in a category of the result set, determining that an article in the result set has been changed ~~in the result set~~, determining that a new e-mail has been received in a category of the result set, determining that a new e-mail has been sent in a category of the result set, determining that a new web page has been received in a category of the result set, determining that a web page has been changed in a category of the result set, determining that a new document has been received in a category of the result set, and determining that a new document has been generated in a category of the result set.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the (e)~~ program code for ~~if the search query has been previously entered, retrieving a result set from an offline data store and~~ determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~ comprises program code for determining whether a preset amount of time has elapsed from a time associated with the result set.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the (e)~~ program code for ~~if the search query has been previously entered, retrieving a result set from an offline data store and~~ determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~comprises~~ ~~meets at least one condition~~comprises program code for determining whether a preset amount of time has elapsed from a date associated with the result set.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the (d)~~ program code for ~~if the search query has been previously entered, retrieving a~~ previously stored result set associated with the search query ~~comprises from an offline data store and determining whether at least a portion of the result set meets at least one condition~~comprises

at least one of the following: program code for retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from an optical disc, program code for retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from a hard drive, program code for retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from an external data storage medium, program code for retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from an external data storage reader, and program code for retrieving ~~a~~ the result set from a data store on the client-side.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the~~ (a) program code for receiving a search query comprises at least one of the following: program code for receiving ~~a~~ the search query from a user operating an offline client-side device, program code for receiving ~~a~~ the search query from a user operating an online client-side device.

24. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the previously stored result set comprises at least one of the following: client-side articles, and network articles.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the search query comprises at least one of the following: an implicit query, an explicit query, both an implicit query and ~~[[and]]~~ an explicit query.

26. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the previously stored result set comprises at least one of the following: a real-time event, a historical event, an indexable event, a non-indexable event.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~A computer-readable medium containing program code, comprising~~ The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium further contains:

~~(a) — program code for receiving a search query;~~

~~(b) — program code for determining whether the search query has been previously entered;~~

~~(e c)~~ program code for if the search query has not been previously entered received,

(i) receiving a new result set;

~~(d ii)~~ program code for storing the new result set and ~~associated~~ the search query in an offline-accessible data store; and

(e ~~iii~~) ~~program code for~~ indexing the new result set and ~~associated the~~ search query for subsequent retrieval of the new result set.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, ~~further comprising wherein (c) further comprises:~~

(~~f~~ iv) program code for determining expiration data for the new result set.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein ~~the (b)~~ program code for determining whether the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received comprises program code for comparing the search query to a list of previously ~~entered~~ received search queries.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein ~~the (c)~~ program code for if the search query has not been previously ~~entered~~ received, (~~i~~) receiving a new result set comprises program code for performing a search for articles in response to the search query.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein ~~the (d)~~ program code for storing the new result set and ~~associated the~~ search query in an offline-accessible data store comprises at least one of the following: program code for storing the new result set on an optical disc, program code for storing the new result set on a hard drive, program code for storing the new result set on an external data storage medium, program code for storing the new result set on an external data storage reader, and program code for storing the new result set on a data store on the client-side.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein ~~the (f)~~ program code for determining expiration data for the new result set comprises program code for determining expiration data for at least a portion of the new result set, and program code for displaying the expiration data for the at least a portion of the new result set.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~A method~~ The method of claim 1, further comprising:

- (~~a~~ e) receiving a request for an article ~~in a result set from a client device~~, the article being accessible via a network;
- (~~b~~ f) determining whether the article is stored in an offline-accessible data store ~~associated with the client device~~; and
- (~~e~~ g) if the article is stored in ~~[[an]]~~ the offline-accessible data store, determining whether the article is valid ~~meets at least one condition~~;
- (~~d~~ h) if the article is determined to be valid ~~meets at least one condition~~, retrieving the article from the offline-accessible data store;
- (~~e~~ i) if the article is determined not to be valid ~~does not meet at least one condition~~, retrieving the article via the network;
- (~~f~~ j) if the article is not stored in the offline-accessible data store, retrieving the article via the network; and
- (~~g~~ k) outputting the article ~~on the client device~~.

34. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

- (a) receiving a search query;
- (b) determining whether the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received;
- (c) if the search query has not been previously ~~entered~~ received,
 - (i) receiving a first result set₁[[;]]
 - (ii) storing the first result set in an offline-accessible data store₁~~;~~and
 - (iii) indexing the first result set for subsequent retrieval₁[[;]] and
- (d) if the search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received,
 - (i) retrieving a previously stored result set associated with the search query,
 - (ii) determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~₁[[;]]
 - (~~ii~~ iii) if the at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is determined to be a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least~~

~~one condition~~, outputting the portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query as a search result of the search query,_{[[;]]} and

(~~iii~~ iv) if the at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is determined not to be a valid search result set for the search query ~~does not meet the at least one condition~~,

(1) receiving a second result set,_{[[;]]}

(2) storing the second result set in ~~an~~ the offline-accessible data store,_{[[;]]}

and

(3) indexing the second result set for subsequent retrieval.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein determining whether a search query has been previously ~~entered~~ received comprises comparing the search query to a list of previously ~~entered~~ received search queries.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein determining whether at least a portion of the previously stored result set associated with the search query is a valid search result set for the search query ~~meets at least one condition~~ comprises determining at least one of the following: ~~determining the validity of a portion of the result set~~, determining that a portion of the previously stored result set is new, determining that a portion of the previously stored result set includes a change, determining that a new article exists in a category of the previously stored result set, determining that a new article has been received in a category of the previously stored result set, determining that an article in the previously stored result set has been changed ~~in the result set~~, determining that a new email has been received in a category of the previously stored result set, determining that a new email has been sent in a category of the previously stored result set, determining that a new web page has been received in a category of the previously stored result set, determining that a web page has been changed in a category of the previously stored result set, determining that a new document has been received in a category of the previously stored result set, and determining that a new document has been generated in a category of the previously stored result set.